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In the house of representatives of the United States.

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MARCH 28th, 1814.

Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

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## An Act

*For the relief of David Porter and his officers and crews.*

1       *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*  
2 ~~*of the United States of America in congress assembled,*~~ That  
3 so much of the net proceeds of the forfeitures and penalties as  
4 have accrued to the United States from the condemnation and  
5 sale of the following vessels and their cargoes, to wit: Le Duc  
6 de Montebello, Le Petite Chance, and L'Intrepide, condemned  
7 and sold by order of the district court of the United States for  
8 the Orleans district, for violations of the laws of the United  
9 States, be, and the same are hereby given up and relinquished  
10 in favor of captain David Porter, and of the officers and crews  
11 by whom the said vessels were captured, as a compensation to  
12 the said David Porter and the said officers and crews, for their  
13 zeal and activity in capturing the same: and that the said cap-  
14 tain David Porter be hereby authorised to receive from the se-

15 cretary of the treasury the amount of the said net proceeds of  
16 the aforesaid sales, to be paid by the said secretary of the trea-  
17 sury out of any money not otherwise appropriated; and upon re-  
18 ceiving the same the said David Porter is authorised and in-  
19 structed to distribute it amongst the said officers and crews, in  
20 the proportions, and agreeably to the regulations of the laws of  
21 the United States, for the distribution of prize money.

1814. March 26.

Passed the senate.

Attest,

SAM. A. OTIS, *secretary*.